Raids to detect tax evasion and unaccounted wealth

206. SHRI OAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE *be* pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids so far conducted during 1985-86 at the premises of various companies, individuals and offi cers of different departments to uncirth tax evasion and accumulation of unaccoun ted wealth by corrupt practices and what is the amount recovered by such raids;

(b) what steps have been taken by Gov ernment against such compp.nieslindivi-duals; and

(c) what other steps Government pro pose to take to check accumulation of wealth through corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI IANARDHAN POOJARI); {a) to (c) During the financial year 1985-86 (1-4-1985 to 31-1-1986), Income-tax Department has conducted 5628 searches and seized, *prima facie* unaccounted assets worth Rs. 38.85 crores approximately.

All necessary steps including legislative, administrative and institutional are being taken from time t_0 time against tax evaders.

Information in respect of searches con-ducted by C.B.I, is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

207. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURTSM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes proposed to be implemented by the India Tourism! Development Corporation in Orissa during 1986-87;

(b) how many foreign tourists have visited Orissa through India Tourism Development Corporation during 1985-86;

(c) whether the media are utilised for publicity to attract foreign tourists for visiting tourist spots in Orissa; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the facilities such as board ing, lodging and transportation available in Orissa particularly in Puri and Konark to attract foreign tourists;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Central Governmenrs consideration to devel-lop the sea beach from Puri to Konark, which is one of the nnest in the world, during the Seventh Plan period; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) During 1986-87 ITDC proposes to complete the following ongoing projects:

(1) Expansion of the existing Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubanehwar by addition of 36 $room_s$ with upgradation of facilities to 4-star standard.

(2) 44-room joint venture hotel pro-pect at Puri being constructed in collaboration with the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation.

(b) 940 foreign tourists stayed in ITDC accommodation units in the state of Orissa during 1985-86 (Upto January, 1986).

(c) Various important tourist spots in Orissa have been publicised through bro-chures, pamphlets, directories, folders, maps, films, etc. to attract foregin tourists to the State of Orissa.

(d) lTDC is providing the following Accommodation and transport facilities in the Stats of Orissa:—

Name of thcjUmt [jp:	, Capacity
Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhuar (2 star) . .	35 rooms 7<i beds
Travellers lodge at Konark .	4 rooms 14 beds

Asbck Travels & Tours Counter at Bbubaiieshwar is providing transport facilities to the tourists through Orissa Tourism Doelcpment Corporation and oth.2r private entrepreneurs.

(t) and (f) The coastline between Puri and Konark has been identified as one of the mijor beach destinations for comprehensive development during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Use Government has relaxed the ban relating to civil works along the sea-shore. Instead of the earlier restriction of 500 meters, civil works would now be allowed beyo«d 200 meters from the high tide line subject to certain safeguards.

Following schemes have already been sanetJonsd for Puri-Konark area:

(1) Toilet block near Sun Temple at Kona:k

(2) Yatrika at Puri

(3) Yatri Niwa$_s$ at Konark

Ratofeer depots of STC j„ the country

208. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

WJB the Minister of COMMERCE bo ple'ased t$_0$ state:

(a) what i» the number of imported natural rubber depots of the State Trading Corporation in the Country and where they are located;

(b) what are the criteria for locating such depots;

(c) what are the reasons for not opening such depots in the Eastern region where the rubber industry is concentrated;

(d) whether, in the absence of such depots in the Eastern region, Government have any plan to give some incentives to the rubber industry of the region so as to make its products competitive; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SH1V SHANKER): (a) to (e) Rubber consumption in India in 1984-85 was of th; order of 2,17,00 tonnes. The rubber industry is spread all over the country, although the Northen Zone accounts for around 40 per cent consumption. The private sector plays th$_e$ major role in rubber distribution. STC handles less than 15 per cent of the rubber consum-med. This quantity is imported to meet the gap between supply and demand. It maintains a depot in Madras for handling the imports. In addition there are two depots at Delhi and Faridabad. STC does not consider the opening of additinal de-pots a viable proposition. Since the rubber industry is well distributed, $_{no}$ specific incentives regarding location of such industries other than those covered by the Industrial Policy are considered necessary.

Credit-deposit ratio of banks operating in Kerala

209. SHRI M.M. IACOB; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks operating in Kerala at present and

(b) what is the credit-deposit ratio or these branches bankwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOIARI): (a) The total number of branches of 20 Nationalised